

"I have made thee a
Watchman"

Ezekiel 3:16-27



"When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his **blood** I will require from **your hand**."

-Ezekiel 33:8 (NASB95)

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Benmagh, ID
March 17th, ID 2024

The LORD'S Day

The Seventeenth Day of March, *in the Year of our Lord 2024*

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



Sunday School—9:30 AM.

We continue our survey of the history of Christianity.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship: * *“Because He Lives”* (#169; Chorus ONLY).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *“The Bible Stands”* (#107).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: *Ezekiel 3:16-27*.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *“Holy Bible, Book Divine”* (#114).

Announcements.

Hymn: *“Jesus Loves Me”* (#251).

Dismissal of Youth for Children’s Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *“WHERE SHALL WE STAND? (Part III)*.

Closing Hymn: * *“Wonderful Words of Life”* (#115).

Benediction.*

**The Congregation will please arise, if able.*



Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM

Week of March 10 – March 16

Sunday School—6 Morning Worship—12

Midweek—5; Weekly Offering—\$1,216.00



AFRICA UPDATE: MARCH 9, AD 2024

Dear beloved brethren,

Pastor Salomon just called and said the Lord answered our prayers. The rain stopped last night so there was no further damage. A brother in Christ who is a carpenter came early this morning and temporarily fixed the roof of the house. The ceiling in two rooms still need to be replaced as well as the bed and mattress in their bedroom. The electronic devices are working and they are drying out the books and clothes and other items.

Thanks for your prayers, Keith

PS: Please pray for pastor Salomon as he will be traveling to Bangui in Central Africa Republic (there are more than 40 CGBCI churches in CAR) to organize the practorium there and teach for two weeks (March 14-28). He will be teaching Christ and the Spirit and Hermeneutics. He will be helping Jean Paul (pastor and teacher and THM graduate of Cameroon Biblical Seminary) to learn how to run the practorium. 30 men have signed up for the courses. God bless, Keith

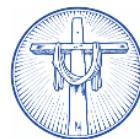
HOLY COMMUNION: PALM SUNDAY, 2:00 PM

Easter Sunday Services (March 31)

Early Service—8:30 AM.

Fellowship Light-Breakfast—9:00 AM.

Morning Worship—9:30 AM.



Update on Baby Gus (3/13/24)



Well, friends - big news - it looks like Gus is taking us to Nashville, Tennessee next week!

I know it's been several days since our last update. Prior to the last 24 hours, not much had changed since my last post. We were also waiting for confirmation regarding a transfer. Here's the latest:

Big news first. Because Gus has not stopped putting out copious amounts of fluid through his chest, our team has decided to get specialized care for his chylothorax, which is predominantly a lymphatic issue, as well as the primary cause of his chest output. There are not a lot of centers that can provide the specific diagnostic and interventional treatment Gus needs. CHOP is one. Vanderbilt is another. Thanks to connections between our team and Vanderbilt, we anticipate going to Nashville early next week. **CONTINUED ON BACK**⇒

Admittedly, this is a huge adjustment. The hope is that our trip will be only as long as needed, and that we'll be back at Norton's in no time -- but knowing Gus has a history of destabilizing in the wake of various procedures, we won't be surprised if we're in Nashville waiting for him to recover from a lymphangiogram and whatever intervention follows. Our prayer is that this will truly provide the solution we need to get back on the pathway to recovery. While our team has been able to keep Gus stable by balancing his fluids, it's not sustainable. Assuming it is in fact a lymphatic issue, we hope the team at Vanderbilt will provide the solution Gus needs so desperately.

It's hard to think about going somewhere else. The team here at Norton Children's Hospital is incredible. Adjusting to a new team with different dynamics will be difficult, but we are optimistic. We look forward to meeting new providers and nurses at Vanderbilt, another leading medical center here in the US.

God has brought us this far. We look forward to seeing what more he will do for his glory and our good. Please pray that the logistics -- transportation and insurance -- will get worked out in a timely fashion over the next few days. Gus needs treatment for his chest drainage issues as soon as possible.

Regarding other recent prayer requests and changes: Gus' kidneys appear to have stabilized somewhat. His renal function panels have shown slight improvement. His urine output has improved, though it is still low. **Today he peed more in twelve hours than the previous 24 hours combined! (PTL)** We may not need to use the PD Cath for dialysis until later on -- he's still retaining fluid (despite drainage out of the chest). He's also back on monogenic feeds today (intended to provide nutrition without exacerbating his chyle drainage). On the down side, a sputum culture showed signs of a bug. Our team believes he's colonized, not infected, likely as a result of having a breathing tube for almost 50 days. Thankfully his other cultures haven't grown anything, but we remain cautious as an infection could present huge risks for a patient like Gus.

Overall, though, today was a good day. He got held. Sat up in bed for a while (with support). He's been awake and pleasant. Our little family of three have been blessed to be together today. For that, among many other things, we are thankful.

Tomorrow marks 100 days of being in the hospital. 100 days of amazing support from friends and family. 100 days of hard work on the part of an amazing medical team at Norton's. 100 days of God's kindness and mercy. Please keep praying for us friends -- lungs, kidneys, heart, lymphatic system, big changes ahead, new medical team. It's daunting and we are tired, but God is good and we are grateful to be on this adventure with our son.—Mark Joubert

"An inconvenience is an adventure wrongly considered; an adventure is an inconvenience rightly considered."—G.K. Chesterton